

IN THE CLAIMS:

B1 On page 21, immediately following the heading "CLAIMS", please insert --Having thus disclosed our invention, what we claim as new and to be secured by Letters Patent of the United States of America is:--

✓ Please cancel Claims 1, 2, 43 and 44 without prejudice and add the following claims:

Claim 51. An arrangement for managing a herd of domesticated animals which comprises an animal identification system, a central unit provided with a computer having a memory, said memory containing data for each animal of the herd relating to the status of each said animal in the hierarchic order of the herd.

B2 Claim 52. An arrangement in accordance with Claim 51 comprising hierarchic order determining means for determining data of the status of each said animal in said herd, said hierarchy order determining means supplying said data so determined to said memory, said memory storing said data.

Claim 53. A method of managing a herd of domesticated animals in which a number of automatic animal related procedures are automatically performed, the method comprising the step of determining the status of each animal in said herd as to its hierarchic order in said herd.

Claim 54. A method in accordance with Claim 53, comprising the step of controlling at least one of said procedures based said the determined status of a said animal involved in said procedure in said determined hierarchic order.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please cancel without prejudice the entirety of page 28 of the original Application which includes the Abstract and substitute the Abstract of the Disclosure appended hereto.